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Box No. I Basis of the report

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	2 - 6	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	NONE	YES
	Claims	1 - 6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 6	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 = US 6087841 A
D2 = US 3743939 A
D3 = EP 550389 A1
D4 = US 6417681 B1

1) Novelty and Inventive Step

Claim 1 relates to portable electrical testing equipment which is provided to display ground, a standby state, or a detected voltage level according to the voltage level which is inputted from a voltage input means.

D1 discloses a contact test circuit which distinguishes between the probes that are shorted to ground, open, or connected to I/O pads of the DUT(device-under-test). The said standby state means an open state that a probe is not in a contact with a target. Therefore, claim 1 is not considered to be new.

On the other hand, Claims 2–6 are dependent claims on claim 1. Claims 2–3 further include a segment display. Claim 4 further includes a light emitting device for alarming a low voltage detection below a predetermined voltage level. Claims 5–6 further include an extended probe means and an illumination lamp.

D2 discloses a multi-meter with a segment display which displays a detected voltage.

D3 discloses different indicator elements such as a yellow LED and a red LED which make an alerting indication and an alarm indication related to the condition of the battery.

D4 discloses an enhanced probe apparatus which includes a magnification lens and an LED lamp for illumination of a pin contact area.

Therefore, claims 2–6 are not considered to involve an inventive step.

2) Industrial Applicability

Claims 1–6 are about portable electrical testing equipment and they are industrially applicable.